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Applicant(s): BIRO et al.

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For: OPTICAL ELEMENT FOR USE IN EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND RINSING  
METHOD THEREFOR

**SUBMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

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Sir:

This paper responds to the Final Office Action issued on January 10, 2006 for this case. This paper is filed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.114.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.